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ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

Letter dated 26 September 1996 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 114, Programme planning, to the Fifth Committee. You may recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, resolved to achieve improvement in the consultative process for the formulation of the medium-term plan through, inter alia, consultations in a systematic way regarding the major programmes in the plan with sectoral, technical, regional and central bodies in the United Nations, with a view to establishing the broadest possible agreement. As in the past, it is therefore understood that each programme of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as appropriate, will be submitted to the Main Committees for review.

In that connection, I would like to invite you to ensure that the programme of work of your Committee is organized in such a manner as to facilitate the consideration of the proposed programmes relevant to the work of your Committee prior to the consideration of the item by the Fifth Committee.

I wish to inform you that the Fifth Committee intends to begin its consideration of the item on programme planning on 21 October 1996.

I should therefore be grateful if you would bring this issue to the attention of your Committee and arrange that the views of your Committee on programme 4, Legal activities, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 are communicated to me as soon as possible.

(Signed) Ngoni Francis SENGWE
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MEASURES TO ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Letter dated 9 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 14 September 1996 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to you, in which he stated that the Iraqi authorities had requested a report on the interrogation by the United Kingdom police authorities of these arrested for the hijack of a Sudan Airways aircraft to the United Kingdom on 27 August 1996, and had sought their extradition to Iraq.

I have the honour to inform you that, on 5 September 1996, the United Kingdom authorities fulfilled their obligation under article 6, paragraph 4, of the 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft by informing the Iraqi interests section of the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London of the fact that seven Iraqi nationals had been charged under section 1 (1) of the United Kingdom Aviation Security Act 1982, and by giving their names.

Article 7 of the aforementioned Convention provides that if a party does not extradite an alleged offender, it must submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution. The United Kingdom has followed the latter course.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 151.

(Signed) John WESTON
Permanent Representative

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